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SUBJ: OUTBREAK OF HOOF AND MOUTH DISEASE IN MALTA

ROME FOR AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE

REF: VALLETTA 0655 (NOTAL)

1. NEW CASES OF HOOF AND MOUTH DISEASE INDICATE THAT, DESPITE GOM EFFORTS, THE DISEASE IS SPREADING WITHIN MALTA. AT THE REQUEST OF MALTESE AUTHORITIES, THREE OFFICIALS FROM THE BRITISH MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE ARRIVED IN MALTA ON JUNE 17 TO ASSIST IN CONTROLLING THE EPIDEMIC. THE VACCINATION CAMPAIGN CONTINUES, AND APPEALS FOR COOPERATION FROM FARMERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC HAVE BEEN STEPPED UP.

2. THE DETERIORATING SITUATION HAS FUELED AN EFFORT IN PARLIAMENT BY THE OPPOSITION NATIONALIST PARTY TO ATTRIBUTE THE OUTBREAK AND SPREAD OF THE DISEASE TO GOVERNMENT NEGLIGENCE. VEHEMENT DEBATE ON THE  
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SUBJECT LED TO A NP WALKOUT FROM PARLIAMENT ON

JUNE 17.

3. COMMENT: MALTESE HERDS PRESENTLY TOTAL SOME 20-30,000 SWINE, AND 10-12,000 CATTLE. OF THESE, SOME 350 SWINE AND 100 CATTLE HAVE BEEN SLAUGHTERED TO DATE. BECAUSE ANY EXTENSIVE SLAUGHTER COULD SERIOUSLY DEplete THE SMALL SWINE AND CATTLE INDUSTRY THAT MALTA HAS BEEN WORKING TO EXPAND, A PROGRAM OF CONTROLLED SLAUGHTER HAS BEEN INSTITUTED WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BRITISH MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE EXPERTS. DISPOSAL OF THE SLAUGHTERED ANIMALS IN MALTA, WITH LITTLE SOIL AND LESS FUEL RESOURCES, HAS ALREADY BECOME A PROBLEM.WIGGINS

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